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The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held at Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action[1] and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session[2] constitute the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration[3] and the development goals contained therein, as well as the commitments made at major United Nations conferences, special sessions and summits,

Also recalling its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

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[1] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development*, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[2] Resolution S-24/2, annex.

[3] See resolution 55/2.

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Noting that the Commission for Social Development will consider at its forty-third session in 2005 as its priority theme "Review of the further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly",

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

2. *Reaffirms* the need to take effective measures to implement the commitments made by heads of State and Government at the World Summit for Social Development, contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action,[1] which established a new consensus to place people at the centre of development policies and pledged to eradicate poverty, promote full and productive employment and foster social integration so as to achieve stable, safe and just societies for all;

3. *Also reaffirms* the decisions on further action and initiatives to accelerate social development for all, adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session and contained in the further initiatives for social development;[2]

4. *Emphasizes* that in addition to social policies, progress in the realization of development goals such as the eradication of poverty, social justice, equality and social integration and the promotion and protection of human rights require supportive and coherent short-term and long-term economic policies at the national and international levels;

5. *Also emphasizes* the need for a meaningful integration of economic and social policies at all levels of decision-making, invites the Economic and Social Council to assess the effectiveness of such integration and to make recommendations in this regard to the General Assembly, and requests the Commission for Social Development to give particular attention to this issue at its forthcoming sessions;

6. *Invites* the different entities of the United Nations system actively to pursue the integration of economic and social policies in their respective domains;

7. *Stresses*, in this regard, that the social development of developing countries and their capacity to pursue integrated socio-economic policies require their effective involvement and participation in international decision-making and norm-setting, including in international financial institutions, and calls upon all international institutions to take concrete measures to this end;

8. *Reaffirms* that, given the growing and multifaceted interdependence of all regions and countries, coherent and strengthened international cooperation is the indispensable complement to the efforts of developing countries to promote their social development and reduce poverty and that such international cooperation should include a favourable external economic environment and the creation of a culture of conflict prevention and peace;

9. *Recognizes* that social development requires the active involvement of all actors in the development process, including civil society organizations, corporations and small businesses, emphasizes in this regard that the notions of responsibility and accountability are applicable to all these actors, and calls upon the

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United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system to incorporate these notions in their respective programmes of work;

10. *Reaffirms* that education, employment creation and progress in working conditions, which are indispensable elements of poverty reduction, social integration, gender equality and overall development, should be at the centre of development strategies and international cooperation in support of national policies, and encourages current initiatives of the United Nations system to foster youth employment and the elaboration of comprehensive employment strategies;

11. *Also reaffirms* the call of the Economic and Social Council for enhanced coordination within the United Nations system and the ongoing efforts to harmonize the current initiatives on Africa, and requests the Commission for Social Development to continue to give due prominence in its work to the social dimension of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

12. *Welcomes* the contribution of the Commission for Social Development in the follow-up to and review of the further implementation of the commitments made at Copenhagen and the further initiatives agreed upon at Geneva, reaffirms that the Commission will continue to have the primary responsibility in this regard, and encourages Governments, the relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and civil society to enhance their support to its work;

13. *Recalls* its decision to review in 2005 the progress achieved in implementing all the commitments made in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the possibility to hold a major event in this context, and in this regard calls upon the Commission for Social Development to transmit, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly for its consideration in 2005, the substantial outcome of its review of further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and of its follow-up conference;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly", and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on this question to the Assembly at that session.